

Rapids City Fire Protection District Meeting

February 11, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:30 at Station Two

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order:** President Randy Garrison called the meeting to order at 1830
 - a. **Roll Call:** Denise Caldwell (Treasurer), Greg Rankin (Secretary) Randy Garrison (President), and Don Carey (Fire Chief), and Jason Dennhardt. CJ Brooks but on phone call.
 - b. **Members of the Public:** Robert Clark.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2026, were reviewed. Greg motioned to approve the minutes. CJ seconded the motion. The vote is 4 Ayes and 0 Nays and 1 absent (on the phone) to approve.
3. **Public Comments:** None
4. **Correspondence:**
 - a. TIB Pledge Report \$ 1,387,009.68
 - b. State of Illinois Replacement tax \$886.03
5. **Financials**
 - a. **Treasurers Report:** January 2026 Treasurers was reviewed, Greg motioned to accept the report and pay the bills, Jason seconded. 4 Ayes and 0 Nays and 1 Absent (on the phone).
 - b. Discussed Strata vs Frontier for internet and phone at Station 1 Don Carey will look into.
6. **Ordinances and Policies:** 26-004 signed and Greg will send to county. We need to decide where to put the money from the ordinance.
7. **Ambulance:** None.
8. **Fire Chief Reports** for January 2026. The Run Report and Personnel activities were reviewed. The Volunteers responded to 47 calls for assistance, breakdown as follows:
 - **Village of Port Byron** – 10 EMS Calls and 1 Investigate Fire Alarm.
 - **Village of Rapids City** – 2 EMS Calls and 2 Traffic Accidents.
 - **Fire Protection District (Rural)** - 25 EMS Calls, 2 Traffic Accidents and 1 Vehicle Fire.
 - **Automatic Aid was given to Hillsdale Fire Protection District** for 3 Traffic Accidents and 1 Vehicle Fire.

Other information:

- **The Fire Protection District has free Smoke Detectors if you are in need.**
- **The Fire Protection District is currently in need of Volunteers to fill all positions. We provide all training.**
- **At our current pace we are projecting 600 calls for assistance in 2026**
- **Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 6 pm at 120 S Main St.**
- **Volunteer to Protect Your Community Today!**

9. Old Business

Post Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Board, send copy to any news media which has filed a request (5ILCS120/2.02). Greg Completed

File Certificate of Exempt Property with the County Supervisor of Assessments for District owned real estate (35ILCS 200/15-10) due 1/31/2026. Denise will file.

Post report of injuries for prior year (Title 56, Section 350.260(a) Ill Admin Code due 2/1/2026. Chief Carey stated that there were none.

File names of persons required to file Economic Interest Statements with County Clerk (5ILCS 420/4A-106) Due 2/1/2026. Rock Island County Clerk will send out.

MABAS Agreement needs to be completed and submitted.

Semi Annual review of closed session minutes. There were no closed session minutes to review.

a. Land/Building: None, the ground is frozen.

b. New Business: None

10. New Business: Appointed trustee(s) are to be reappointed by Rock Island County Board. (70 ILCS) 705/4). Deniese, and Jason.

11. Next Meeting: March 11, 2026

12. Adjournment: 1900

Submitted by

Greg Rankin

Secretary